

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (cancelled).

Claim 2 (currently amended) Saddle, according to claim ~~1~~ 8, wherein the front parts (6) are equipped with a bearing (16) made from a soft plastic material, having a bigger thickness with respect to the rear parts.

Claim 3 (currently amended) Saddle, according to claim ~~1~~ 8, wherein the rear parts (2) of the two portions (1' and 1'') of the saddle have a frame (14), with some holes (15) to ease the transpiration of ~~the~~ sweat deriving from ~~the~~ a rider's buttocks resting upon it.

Claim 4 (currently amended) Saddle, according to claim ~~1~~ 8, wherein ~~each of the two front parts (6) of the two portions (1', 1'') are lower with respect to the corresponding rear parts (2) by about 1-3 cm, being inclined upwards up to about 25°,~~

the overall width of the two front parts (6) ~~varying~~ vary from 6 to 15 cm.

Claim 5 (currently amended) Saddle, according to claim ± 8, wherein the channel (8) has a width which varies from 3 to 5 cm.

Claim 6 (currently amended) Saddle, according to claim ± 8, wherein there is a bearing (16) on the front parts (6) of the two portions (1', 1'') which has a thickness of about 3 cm, made from soft plastic material, said bearings, at an inner zone (6'), constitutes an edge of the channel (8), having a bevel of about 30°.

Claim 7 (currently amended) Saddle according to claim ± 8, wherein a seat pillar (17) which supports the aforementioned saddle is arranged so that its vertical axis (18) roughly coincides with the middle plane, in the longitudinal direction, of the rear parts (2) of the two portions (1', 1'') of the saddle.

Claim 8 (new) A bicycle saddle having two longitudinally symmetrical identical portions (1', 1''), each of said portions comprising:

- a) a rear part (2) having about a 10° - 20° slightly upwardly concave first rear zone (2'), an outer side part (2''') with downward convexity of about 45° - 60° so as to follow a rider's buttocks muscle curvature, a front zone (2'') continuing forwardly from said rear zone (2') in a substantially downwardly inclined configuration with a depression ranging from 0 cm to about 3 to 5 cm;
- b) a transversal middle plane part (5) continuing the downwardly inclined configuration of the front zone (2'') of said rear part (2) and having a side cove-shaped zone (5'); and
- c) a front part (6) about 1 to 3 cm lower than said rear part (2) and inclined upwardly up to about 25° , the two front parts (6) of the bicycle saddle begin to gradually constrict at about half their longitudinal extension substantially forming a V-shaped configuration with a vertex (7) curving steeply downwardly;

wherein the two identical portions (1' and 1'') of the bicycle saddle are separated at their middle parts (5) and front parts (6) by a channel (8) which is much wider at its rear part, and the two front zones (2'') of the two rear parts (2) of the bicycle saddle join together to form a longitudinal

trough (9) which terminates in a slight cove (10) at a rear edge of the bicycle saddle at the longitudinal axis of the bicycle saddle.